

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District Of New York

Margaret Cangilos-Ruiz
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

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Notice Re N.D.N.Y. Decision to adopt National Chapter 13 Mandated Plan or to Opt Out

Effective December 1, 2017, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure are introducing a uniform national Chapter 13 Plan which will be mandatory unless our District affirmatively chooses to opt out. If the determination is made to opt out, the Rules will require that we make certain conforming amendments to our current Chapter 13 Plan. Given that the ramifications of this yet-to-be-made decision will directly affect practitioners, the Board of Judges has set up a committee comprised of the career law clerks from each chambers and our chapter 13 trustees* to help educate the Bar on the nuances of the upcoming changes and to solicit informed input prior to making any decision.

One hour CLE seminars on each end of the District will be held to help launch this effort on: Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 4:00 – 6:30 P.M. at Aster Pantry & Parlor, 116 Walton St., Syracuse and Friday, Sept. 23 at 12:30 P.M. at Angelo's 677 Prime, 677 Broadway, Albany, New York. You are encouraged to attend one of the seminars. For Syracuse, RSVP to Rachel@CentolellaLaw.com and for the Albany CLE, RSVP to Jmyers@pmbblawpc.com.

Following the seminar presentations, the Committee will be circulating surveys that you are requested to complete and submit either online or to one of the Committee members so that your feedback can be thoughtfully considered.

Please also note that our upcoming Annual Bankruptcy Conference at the Otseaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown on November 11-12 may also afford an opportunity to further discuss this matter. The registration contact for the Conference is Brett Delano (BDelano@SchillerKnapp.com). On behalf of the Board of Judges, we look forward to seeing you at our annual gathering.

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*The committee consists of Andrea Celli and Mark Swimelar, chapter 13 trustees, and Jill Dalrymple, Cynthia Platt and Dawn Simmons ("Committee").